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AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claims 1, 10, 11 and 12 are currently amended and claim 17 is newly presented.

1. (currently amended) A device facilitating the heating of items, the device comprising:  
a collapsible frame for suspending an item above a heat source, the frame comprising:

a plurality of panels forming sides of the frame when the frame is erected, wherein a side of the frame comprises a variable configuration of panels, the configuration being selected by a user of the device ~~is selectively configured~~ to adjust an attribute of the enclosure when the device is in use for heating, the attribute including at least one of: how much of the side is enclosed, which portion of the side is enclosed, a position at which a transverse member is supported by the frame, a volume substantially enclosed by the frame and an overall shape of the frame.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein a first panel is detachably coupled to a second panel and wherein the first and second panels are coupled to one another to erect the frame and detached from one another to collapse the frame.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2 wherein the first and second panels are detachably coupled substantially along their adjacent edges.

4. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the side of the frame is selectively configured by selectively employing a panel having particular physical dimension that affects the attribute of the enclosure.

5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the side of the frame is selectively configured by selectively positioning a panel in a position relative to the reminder of the frame, the position affecting the attribute of the enclosure.

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6. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the side of the frame is selectively configured by selectively choosing among, in constructing the side, a first panel having a first measurement in a given dimension and a second panel having a second measurement in the dimension, the second measurement being different than the first.

7. (Original) The device of claim 6 wherein the dimension is measured in a substantially vertical direction relative to the vertical direction of the erected frame while in use.

8. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the side of the frame is selectively configured by employing a selectable quantity of panels, wherein the attribute is affected by the quantity of panels employed in forming the side.

9. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the side of the frame is selectively configured by selectively employing a combination of panels to form the side and selectively positioning the panels to affect both position and coverage how much of the side is enclosed and which portion of the side is enclosed.

10. (Currently amended) The device of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 14 wherein the side of the frame is selectively configured by selectively employing a combination of panels to form the side and selectively positioning the panels to affect both how much of the side is enclosed and at what position the transverse member is supported by the frame.

11. (Currently amended) The device of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 14 wherein the side of the frame is selectively configured by selectively employing a combination of panels to form the side and selectively positioning the panels to affect both which portion of the side is enclosed and at what position the transverse member is supported by the frame.

12. (Currently amended) The device of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 14 wherein the side of the frame that is selectively configurable comprises panels that support the transverse member.

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13. (Original) The device of claim 12 wherein a panel comprises a first feature that engages with a mating second feature of the transverse member.
14. (Original) The device of claim 1 further comprising a transverse member for supporting the item to be heated, the transverse member being coupled to the frame.
15. (Original) The device of claim 14 wherein the transverse member is removably coupled to the frame and is removed from the frame when the frame is collapsed.
16. (Original) The device of claim 14 wherein the transverse member, when coupled to the frame, performs at least one of: maintaining shape of the frame, improving rigidity of the frame and holding in place the panels that form the frame.